

BAR-BENCH-MEDIA CONFERENCE

Thursday, April 7, 1994

At 1:00 p.m.

- I. Approval of minutes
- II. Rule for Expanded Electronic News Media Coverage at Trial Courts
- III. Bench-Bar Program
- IV. Election of Conference Officers at Next Meeting
- V. New business
- VI. Next meeting

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BAR - BENCH - MEDIA CONFERENCE

A meeting of the Bar-Bench-Media Conference was held on Thursday, April 7, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. in the Family Court Building in Dover. The meeting was open to the public. Notice of the meeting had been posted. The members of the Conference in attendance were:

Members from the Print News Media

Ms. Tamra Brittingham

Members from the Electronic News Media

Ms. Marilyn Buerkle

Mr. Alan Loudell

Mr. William D. Osborne

Mr. Michael Sigman

Members from the Bench

Vice Chancellor Jack B. Jacobs

Judge Jay Paul James

Judge Roderick R. McKelvie

Members from the Bar

Harvey B. Rubenstein, Esquire

Rosemary K. Killian, Esquire

Mary B. Sherlock, Esquire

William Osborne called the meeting to order. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. It was noted that Mr. Jim Courtney of WBOC

TV was in attendance at the meeting.

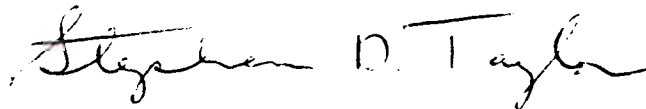
Proposed amendments to the draft rule for the expanded electronic news media coverage of trial courts were discussed and were approved by the Conference. The Conference asked Steve Taylor to put the rule in final form and send it to Bill Osborne for submission to the Delaware Supreme Court with an appropriate cover letter.

The next agenda item was a reminder that the Conference would elect new officers at the next meeting.

Vice Chancellor Jacobs discussed the progress of the committee planning a program on technology in the Courts for presentation at the Bar-Bench Conference in June. He indicated that the committee would be asking members of the Conference for help with the presentation.

The next meeting of the Bench-Bar Media Conference is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 1994 at 1:00 p.m. in Conference Room of WHYY-TV in the Linden Building at 625 Orange Street in Wilmington, DE.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephen D. Taylor". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Stephen D. Taylor".

Date: May 26, 1994

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RE: Bench Bar Media Conference

Dear Steve:

I have been asked by the American Bar Association First Amendment & Media Litigation Committee to write a brief article describing the accomplishments and benefits of Delaware's Bench Bar Media Conference. The purpose of the article will be to encourage other states to use such conferences to open a dialogue. In preparation for that article, I would like to review the minutes of the Conference since it was reactivated several years ago. According to John Taylor, you are the holder of the minutes. Please let me know what I need to do to either inspect or receive a copy of the minutes. Once I have reviewed the minutes, I will probably interview a number of the participants including possibly Justice Holland and Judge Ridgely.

If there are any costs involved, please let me know.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Elliott, Jr.

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cc: Mr. John Taylor, The News Journal Co.